

To: Vandenberg, John[Vandenberg.John@epa.gov]
From: Cote, Ila
Sent: Sat 8/15/2015 4:15:59 PM
Subject: Re: Heads up - mining

Spending 30 minutes talking to Rob is incredible informative. He's been in and around just about every hard rock mine in the U.S. Plus a few more. He's willing to consult pro bono with Tom if he wants. He thinks risks from recent event is over and he can explain why. Mostly having to do with metals geochemistry. Its the next event he thinks all should be paying attention to.

He is around this weekend if u want to talk to him.

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> On Aug 14, 2015, at 7:53 PM, Vandenberg, John <Vandenberg.John@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Interesting.

> Interesting day.

> We're done for now but Tom has me on call if needed this weekend.

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>> On Aug 14, 2015, at 9:16 PM, "Cote, Ila" <Cote.Ila@epa.gov> wrote:

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>> In talking to Rob he believes that much of the wastewater from the Gold King mine is actually overflow from a neighboring mine (Sunny Side mine) based on chemical composition. The wastewater released from Gold King was ~ 3 million, Guestimates on backed up water from Sunny Side is ~ 6 billion gallons (yes the b word) (it swallowed a lake in its history). You all might want to think about it.

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